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1. CONSUL GENRAL HUEY TELEPHONEDAT 1130 FEB 28 AND SPOKE DIRECTLY WITH AMBASSADOR HILL. HUEY STATED IMMEDIATELY THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT SINCE MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT (SITREP 11). THE FEDERAL POLICE WITH IDENTI-KIT MAN ARE STILL SPEAKING WITH RS EGAN, ATTEMPTING TO GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE. MRS EGAN FULLY COOPERATING.

2. BOTH FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN CASE.

3. CORDOBA NEWSPAPERS HITTING CASE HEAVILY, CBS AND NBC CORRESPONDENTS MC CRORY AND STREITHORST ARE MOST PERSISTENT. THEY MADE A REQUEST TO HAVE MRS EGAN SPEAK ON TV FOR A FEW MINUTES THIS AFTERNOON. AMBASSADOR HILL REQUESTED THIS BE
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AVOIDED.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED DETAILED, SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR DEPT TASK FORCE. TOLD HUEY TO CHECK WITH DR ALLENDE IN CORDOBA AND OBTAIN MEDICAL MAN'S RESPONSE TO DEPT'S QUERY.

5. APAO DIGGLE THEN SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR HILL. PRESS AND TV PEOPLE PRESSING HARD FOR INFORMATION AND FOR GETTING MRS EGAN ON TV. APAO INFORMED PRESS HE WAS DOING "ALL HE COULD" TO ARRANGE THIS, PRIVATELY HE AND CONGEN FEEL IT WOULD BE A GRAVE ERROR. MRS EGAN STILL WAITING FOR 7:00 PM. NOW ON PILLS; AS AN APPARENT RESULT, SHE FEELS COURAGEOUS, LIKELY TO "BURBLE AND BABBLE". SHE MIGHT BE ASKED WHY SHE WAS STILL IN CORDOBA AFTER WHAT HAPPENED LAST APRIL (I.E. LAUN). THIS COULD TRIGGER EMOTIONAL RESPONSE. AMBASSADOR HILL SAID DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID TV INTERVIEW.

6. CONGEN HUEY ALSO MENTIONED THAT FEDERAL INTERVENTOR LACABANNE WAS PLANNING TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO ON SATURDAY MARCH 1, TO VISIT HIS CHILD THERE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY "DESPITE THE LOCAL SITUATION", HUEY REPLIED "YES". THE AMBASSADOR WILL CERTAINLY BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF ROCAMORA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.
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